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**SIEMENS SOLAR DIRECTOR APPOINTED ALUMNI EXAMINER
FOR 2000 MALCOLM BALDRIDGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD BOARD**

Camarillo, Calif., June 26, 2000 -- Siemens Solar Industries announced today Alex Mikonowicz, Senior Director of Quality Assurance for Siemens Solar, has been re-appointed to the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Examiners by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Mr. Mikonowicz was re-appointed as an Alumni Examiner based on his breadth and diversity of industry experience, as well as leadership skills and ability to communicate as a spokesperson for the award. He has more than 20 years experience in quality assurance management within the computer and semiconductor industries, in addition to his experience in solar cell and module (photovoltaics) manufacturing.

The board of examiners is comprised of quality and business experts from across the U.S. As a member of the board of quality experts, Mr. Mikonowicz will be called upon to evaluate award applications and participate in site visits for high-scoring applicants.

The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award was established in 1987 to recognize the quality achievements of U.S. companies and to publicize successful quality strategies. Information about the award program and the application process is available from the Baldrige National Quality Program, A635 Administration Blvd., National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001 (phone: 301/975-2036) or visit the program's website at www.quality.nist.gov. The American Society of Quality (ASQ) in Milwaukee, Wis., administers the program.

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Mr. Mikonowicz is a Wisconsin native, raised in Reedsburg, Wis. He graduated from the Madison Institute of Technology, Madison, Wis., in 1962 and from Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn. in 1976. He currently resides in Camarillo, Calif.

About Siemens Solar

Siemens Solar comprises Siemens Solar GmbH in Munich, a joint venture of Siemens AG and Bayernwerk AG, Siemens Solar Industries L.P. in Camarillo (Calif.) and two Joint Ventures: Siemens Showa Solar Ltd., Singapore, and Showa Solar Energy KK, Tokyo. Siemens Solar has to date supplied over 150 MW throughout the world, making it the leading company in the photovoltaics industry. The company's web site is www.siemenssolar.com. For sales information, contact Ssi.sales@solar.siemens.com.

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Editor's notes: Public relations contact for the NIST is Jan Kosko at 301/975-2767.
A digital photo of Mr. Mikonowicz is available upon request.